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SUBJECT: CSCE COMMISSION - EUROPEAN VISIT

1. AS ADDRESSEES ARE AWARE, CSCE COMMISSION VISIT TO LONDON WAS ACTUALLY A DOUBLE VISIT: COMMISSION CHAIRMAN FASCELL AND STAFFERS OLIVER, FRIENDLY, BURRIS, MANN, AND PEDERSEN MADE A "WORKING GROUP" VISIT FROM NOVEMBER 8-14; AND THE ENTIRE GROUP, JOINED BY EXECUTIVE BRANCH COMMISSIONER-OBSERVERS SPRAGUE AND POOR, MET IN LONDON FROM NOVEMBER 20-23.

2. DURING THE NOVEMBER 8-14 VISIT, CHAIRMAN FASCELL AND HIS STAFF PAID TWO OFFICIAL CALLS ON FCO, MEETING WITH MINISTER OF STATE DAVID OWEN AND WITH UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE REGINALD HIBBERT. THEY ALSO ATTENDED A SESSION OF PARLIAMENT AND MET PRIVATELY WITH GROUPS OF PARLIAMENTARIANS FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE. USING THEIR OWN CONTACTS, COMMISSION STAFFERS ARRANGED MEETINGS WITH THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS EXPERT IN SOVIET DISSIDENCE PETER REDDAWAY. CHAIRMAN FASCELL AND HIS STAFF CLOSELY COORDINATED THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH THE MISSION AND INVITED PARTICIPATIO, BY EMBASSY OFFICERS WHERE APPROPRIATE.

3. GATHERING IN LONDON AT THE END OF THEIR TRIP, THE COMMISSION HELD AN INFORMAL SESSION ON NOVEMBER 21, WHICH THE EMBASSY CONTROL OFFICER ATTENDED AT THE COMMISSION'S INVITATION. A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THIS MEETING WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT BY SEPTTEL, BUT THE MAJOR POINTS COVERED WERE AS FOLLOWS:

- A. THE COMMISSIONERS AGREED UNANIMOUSLY THAT THE STUDY TRIP HAD BEEN USEFUL AND SUCCESSFUL.
- B. THE COMMISSION WILL ATTEMPT TO PUBLISH A PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE STUDY TRIP ON DECEMBER 1 OR 2, TIMED TO PRECEDE IMMEDIATELY THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE COMMISSION WHICH IS DUE DECEMBER 3. A MORE COMPLETE STUDY TRIP REPORT WILL BE ISSUED ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 10, 1977.
- C. IMPRESSED BY THE EFFORTS AT SELF-EVALUATION BEING MADE BY SOME WESTERN COUNTRIES (DENMARK WAS CITED SPECIFICALLY), THE COMMISSION WILL EXPLORE THE CREATION OF AN OFFICIAL U.S. MECHANISM TO STUDY AND REPORT ON U.S. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT.

4. THE COMMISSION HELD A FORMAL SESSION AT THE EMBASSY ON NOVEMBER 22, AT WHICH EMBASSY WAS REPRESENTED BY POLITICAL COUNSELOR. AT THIS SESSION, THE COMMISSION HEARD DR. STEPHEN ROTH, DIRECTOR OF THE LONDON INSTITUTE OF JEWISH AFFAIRS, AND THE REV. MICHAEL BOURDEAUX, DIRECTOR OF KESTON COLLEGE, A RESEARCH CENTER WHICH FOLLOWS RELIGIOUS LIFE IN THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. (DETAILS FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL.)

5. IN THE AFTERNOON OF NOVEMBER 22, THE COMMISSION GAVE A WELL-ATTENDED PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE CHANCERY (SEE LONDON 18853 NOTAL). PROMINENT AND SYMPATHETIC COVERAGE OF THIS PRESS CONFERENCE APPEARED IN THE FOLLOWING DAY'S "TIMES," "GUARDIAN," AND "INTERNATIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HERALD TRIBUNE."

6. BEFORE DEPARTING ON NOVEMBER 23, CHAIRMAN FASCELL AND STAFF CHIEF OLIVER BREAKFASTED WITH THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY "BOW GROUP," WITH AN EMBASSY OFFICER IN ATTENDANCE

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